

## I CLAIM:

1           1.    An opener to facilitate the removal of a threaded lid  
2   from the top of a jar, said jar having an open mouth surrounded  
3   by a thread, said opener comprising a body have an arcuate C-  
4   shape with an inner peripheral sidewall an outer peripheral  
5   sidewall, an upper edge and a lower edge, said body terminating  
6   at two ends separated by a gap, said body being made of a stiffly  
7   flexible self-shape retaining substance whereby said body can be  
8   spread conveniently to receive a lid, and gripped to press  
9   against the lid while being twisted to remove the lid from the  
10   jar.

1           2.    An opener according to claim 1 in which said outer  
2   peripheral sidewall is formed with serrations to improve its grip  
3   characteristics for the hand of a user.

1           3.    An opener according to claim 1 in which said inner  
2   sidewall includes a pair of portions of different diameter  
3   whereby to form a shoulder facing toward the lower edge so  
4   proportioned and arranged as to stop a rim on a lid to limit the  
5   downward travel of the lower edge, whereby said lower edge is  
6   prevented from contacting said jar.

1           4.    An opener according to claim 1 in which a stop extends  
2 around the inside of the said upper edge to prevent a lid from  
3 passing entirely through said body.

1           5.    An opener according to claim 1 in which an abutment  
2 interconnects said ends of said body, bridging said gap, said  
3 abutment projecting beyond said outer sidewall whereby to be  
4 contactible by the thumb or a finger of a user, said abutment  
5 being unitary with said body, flexible and self-shape retaining.

1           6.    An opener according to claim 5 in which said abutment  
2 includes a pair of arms and a bight, said arms being connected to  
3 a respective end and to the bight.

1           7.    An opener according to claim 5 in which said inner  
2 sidewall includes a pair of portions of different diameter  
3 whereby to form a shoulder facing toward the lower edge so  
4 proportioned and arranged as to stop a rim on a lid to limit the  
5 downward travel of the lower edge, whereby said lower edge is  
6 prevented from contacting said jar.

1           8.    An opener according to claim 7 in which said outer  
2 peripheral sidewall is formed with serrations to improve its grip  
3 characteristics for the hand of a user.

1           9.    An opener according to claim 7 in which said abutment  
2 includes a pair of arms and a bight, said arms being connected to  
3 a respective end and to the bight.

1           10.   An opener to facilitate the removal of a threaded lid  
2 from the top of a jar, said jar having an open mouth surrounded  
3 by a thread, said opener comprising a circular body with an inner  
4 peripheral sidewall, an outer peripheral sidewall, an upper edge  
5 and a lower edge, said body being made of a stiffly flexible  
6 self-shape retaining substance whereby said body can be spread  
7 conveniently to receive a lid, and gripped to press against the  
8 lid while being twisted to remove the lid from the jar, said  
9 inner sidewall including a pair of portions of different diameter  
10 whereby to form a shoulder facing toward the lower edge so  
11 proportioned and arranged as to stop a rim on a lid to limit the  
12 downward travel of the lower edge, whereby said lower edge is  
13 prevented from contacting said jar.